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Attorney Docket No.

ETH1685 CIP

First Inventor

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Title

BIODEGRADABLE STENT

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP Chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
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2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.

3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 56]

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- Descriptive Title of the Invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R&D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets 15]

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 4]

a. ☒ Newly unexecuted (original or copy)

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(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)

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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)

a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)

b. ☐ Specification Sequence Listing on:

- i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
- ii. ☐ paper

c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)

11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)

12. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement

(IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS

Citations

13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment

14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)

15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)

16. ☐ Request and Certifications under 35 U.S.C. 122
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17. ☐ Other

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☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☒ Continuation-in-Part (CIP) of prior application No.: 10/256,942, filed 9/27/02.

Prior application information: Examiner Group Art Unit:

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